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SUBJECT: DGB POSITION RE CGT ENTRY INTO ETUC

REF: PARIS 2954 AND 30194, BONN 16457

1. REFTELS REPORT THAT DESPITE VETTER'S STATEMENTS TO THE CONTRARY, SOME FRENCH CONTINUE TO BELIEVE STATEMENTS BY GEORGE SEGUY THAT DGB AND VETTER APPROVE ENTRY OF COMMUNIST CGT INTO ETUC.

2. AS REFTELS INDICATE, VETTER REAFFIRMED HIS OPPOSITION TO CGT ENTRY INTO THE ETUC ON NOVEMBER 1 IN A FORCE-OUVRIERE-DGB JOINT COMMUNIQUE, REPORTED BY ASSOCIATED PRESS AND GERMAN NEWSPAPERS IN ARTICLES DATEDLINED PARIS NOVEMBER 1, AND TO THE "LIAISON SOCIALES" (AFP) CORRESPONDENT IN BONN.

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3. WE SEE NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT VETTER HAS CEASED

TO OPPOSE ENTRY OF CGT INTO ETUC OR TO BELIEVE THAT DGB OPPOSITION TO ENTRY IS BASED ON THE WORDING OF THE ETUC CHARTER AS SOME LABOR AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN PARIS BELIEVE. AS REPORTED IN BONN 16457, DGB SOURCES CONTINUE TO REAFFIRM OPPOSITION OF VETTER AND DGB TO CGT AND CGIL. IN CONVERSATIONS WITH LABATT ON NOVEMBER 28, DGB OFFICIALS DECLARED THEIR POSITION AGAINST CGIL AFFILIATION WITH THE ETUC. THEY DID NOT OBJECT THAT SUCH AFFILIATION IS IMPOSSIBLE UNDER THE ETUC CONSTITUTION, BUT RATHER THEY MAINTAINED THAT THE DGB OPPOSES MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMUNIST ORGANIZATION ON IDEOLOGICAL GROUNDS. FOR IDEOLOGICAL REASONS THE DGB TRIED UN-SUCCESSFULLY IN THE FOUNDING CONGRESS TO HAVE THE ETUC NAMED THE EUROPEAN CONFEDERATION OF FREE TRADE UNIONS.

4. IF SEGUY HAS CONTINUED HIS MISREPRESENTATIONS FOLLOWING THE VETTER STATEMENT OF NOVEMBER 1, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL WITH OUR CONTACTS HERE IF EMBASSY PARIS COULD DETERMINE WHEN AND WHERE HE MADE THEM. IF VETTER AND OTHER TOP DGB OFFICIALS ARE AWARE OF SEGUY'S CONTINUED CLAIMS AND OF THEIR POSSIBLE EFFECTS, PERHAPS THEY WILL SEE FIT TO DISAVOW SEGUY'S CLAIMS AGAIN AND EVEN MORE STRONGLY.

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